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SUBJECT:KOREAN COMMERCIAL INTEREST IN REGIONAL NUCLEAR
FUEL CYCLE FACILITY

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1. WHILE WE DO NOT, REPEAT NOT, WISH TO DISCOURAGE
INTEREST IN THE ROK IN MULTINATIONAL NUCLEAR REPROCESSING,
WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD NOT PURSUE DISCUSSIONS WITH
SAMSUNG ON THIS SUBJECT WHILE ROKG REMAINS UNINFORMED OF
LEE'S PROPOSAL. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY SHOULD INDICATE
TO SAMSUNG THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE EARLY TIME FRAME PRO-
POSED REF A FOR WIDE RANGING EXPLORATORY DIALOGUE WITH
USG OFFICIALS IS APPROPRIATE.

2. FYI. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE CONTACTS BETWEEN LEE
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AND PRIVATE U.S. COMPANIES, WE WOULD NOT INTERPOSE ANY
FORMAL OBJECTIONS BUT WOULD NOT WISH TO ENCOURAGE SUCH
DISCUSSIONS AT THIS STAGE. UNDER CFR PART 110 U. S.
COMPANIES MUST RECEIVE AN EXPLICIT AUTHORIZATION BEFORE

THEY ENGAGE IN ANY EXCHANGE OF UNPUBLISHED DATA IN THE REPROCESSING FIELD. IT ALSO MUST BE STRESSED THAT WE ESSENTIALLY HAVE NOT BEEN AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS OF U.S. REPROCESSING TECHNOLOGY AND DOUBT WHETHER ANY RELAXATION

WILL BE AUTHORIZED UNLESS IT IS THE CONTEXT OF ASSISTING A WELL DEFINED MULTINATIONAL OR REGIONAL REPROCESSING PLANT THAT CLEARLY PROMISES TO BE SUPPORTIVE TO OUR NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES. END FYI

3. REF B JUST RECEIVED. EA/K AND OES OFFICERS WILL OF COURSE MEET WITH LEE. HOWEVER, WE WILL INFORM HIM OF PARA 1 CONSIDERATIONS. WE WILL ALSO ARRANGE CALLS ON DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AS SUGGESTED PARA 3 REF B. SEPTTEL WILL FOLLOW ON OTHER APPOINTMENT REQUESTS.

4. DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF ATOMIC ENERGY OF ROK MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY YI PYONG-HWI IS NOW VISITING WASHINGTON AND IS CALLING AT ERDA SEPT 24. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENT. IN MEETING WITH YI WE WILL LIMIT OURSELVES TO GENERAL REMARKS, REFERRING LEE TO ONGOING HIGH LEVEL DISCUSSIONS IN SEOUL. ROBINSON

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